

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application. Claims 1-6, 8 and 10-34 are pending. Claims 1, 14, 16-17, 24 and 30 have been amended. Support can be found in, for example, paragraph [0032] of the specification as filed. No new matter has been added.

Objection to Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that paragraph [0013] of the specification as filed has been amended by the amendment-after-final filed on October 6, 2008. Further, Applicants have amended claim 30 accordingly. Thus, Applicants respectfully request removal of the objection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 10-11, 15-21, 24-27 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0182469 of Lok et al. ("Lok") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,369,821 of Merrill et al. ("Merrill").

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a method for displaying a GUI. More specifically, claim 1 recites "receiving, via a network, a motion command, an index, a plurality of display coordinates and a time value at a first device from a second device, wherein the motion command, *received separately from an image object stored in an image*

*cache to be referenced by the index, directs animation of the image object at the plurality of display coordinates over the received time period" In other words, the motion command with an index of claim 1, being received **separately from an image object stored in an image cache to be referenced by the index, directs an animation of the image object.***

The Examiner acknowledged that Lok does not teach or suggest such limitations.

Merrill does not cure the deficiencies of Lok. Merrill proposes an animation system which provides synchronization services to synchronize actions of multiple characters displayed simultaneously. To this end, Merrill discloses unique ID 178, frame position (x, y coordinates) 174 and duration 176 as shown in Figure 5, which the Examiner asserted correspond to "an index, a plurality of display coordinates and a time value" of claim 1, respectively. However, all the information (*i.e.*, unique ID, frame position and duration) of Merrill is included in the header of an animation data file, and the animation data file contains "a series of bitmaps that make up each of the frames in the animation." (See col. 8, lines 42-44 and 49-55) Indeed, Merrill teaches sending additional information, which can be used to animate an image object, *together with the image object*. By contrast, the motion command of claim 1 is received ***separately from an image object*** as discussed above.

Because Lok and Merrill, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest all the limitations in claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Lok and Merrill.

Claims 17, 24 and 30 contain similar limitations as the limitations of claim 1.

Therefore, at least for the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17, 24 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Lok and Merrill.


Claims 2-6, 8, 10-16, 18-23, 25-29 and 31-34 depend, directly or indirectly, from one of claims 1, 17, 24 and 30 and thus, include the limitations set forth in their respective base claim. Therefore, at least for the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-6, 8, 10-16, 18-23, 25-29 and 31-34 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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